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TITLE OF INVENTION: ALKENYLSUCCINIC ANHYDRIDE COMPOSITION AND METHOD OF USING THE SAME

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 33 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 33 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/533,702

Examiner

DENNIS CORDRAY

Applicant(s)

GOLDSBERRY ET AL.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the communication received 10/22/2010 and telephonic communication of 12/22/2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 16 and 35-45.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 10/15/2010
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

/Dennis Cordray/
Examiner, Art Unit 1741

/Matthew J. Daniels/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 1741

DETAILED ACTION

International Search Report

Yoshioka et al (EP 257772) , Mazzearella et al (US 4832792), and Breslin et al (US 4657946) were cited as "X" references in the International Search Report for International Application PCT/US03/40271, to which the instant application claims priority. The applicability of the cited references to the currently claimed invention is as follows:

Yoshioka et al disclose a method of preparing an aqueous sizing dispersion comprising mixing a preliminary dispersion of dispersion of a substituted succinic anhydride sizing agent and a surfactant in an aqueous solution of a with cationic tapioca starch. Forming such a dispersion is outside of the currently claimed invention.

Mazzearella et al discloses a method of preparing an aqueous sizing emulsion comprising combining an alkenyl succinic acid anhydride (ASA) and an ethoxylated castor oil and emulsifying the mixture with an aqueous dispersion of cationic starch. Forming such an emulsion is outside of the currently claimed invention.

Breslin et al discloses a method of preparing an aqueous sizing emulsion comprising emulsifying an ASA, a surfactant and a cationic water-soluble vinyl addition polymer. Forming such an emulsion is outside of the currently claimed invention.

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided

by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with J. Michael Buchanan on 12/22/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

SPECIFICATION

ON p 1 of the Specification, after the title and before the section "BACKGROUND", the following sentence has been inserted:

--This application is a 371 of PCT/US03/40271, filed 12/17/2003 and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/434,213, filed 12/17/2002.--

CLAIMS

IN Claim 1, line 1, the word "process" has been deleted and the word --method-- inserted therefor.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1 and 40-42: The nearest prior art, Letourneau et al (US 6296696) discloses preparing a paper size emulsion by emulsifying a mixture of substituted cyclic dicarboxylic anhydride (such as ASA), a colloidal stabilizer such as starch, which may have cationic, anionic, nonionic, amphoteric or zwitterionic substituent groups, and a

surfactant (Abs; col 3, line 45 to col 4, line 26; col 4, lines 50-67). The emulsion is then added to the papermaking process. Letourneau et al does not disclose combining the emulsion with a second starch component. Other prior art, Dilts et al (US 6576049) discloses preparing a paper size emulsion by emulsifying a mixture of ASA, a hydrophobic substance that is not a sizing agent (e.g.-a fatty acid ester, triglyceride, hydrocarbons, esters or amides derived from ASA, silicon oils, alcohols and stearic anhydride), a surfactant, an emulsion stabilizer, which can be an anionic starch, and water (Abs; col 4, lines 42-48; ol 5, lines 6-20; col 12, lines 9-22; col 14, lines 46-49; col 15, lines 40-43; col 16,lines 8-13). The hydrophobic substance required by Dilts et al is precluded by the current claim language. In addition, Dilts et al does not disclose combining the emulsion with a second starch component. The prior art fails to disclose the claimed process and fails to provide any reason to one of ordinary skill in the art to alter the prior art to obtain the claimed method and have a reasonable expectation of success.

In addition, regarding Claims 41 and 42, the prior art teaches both high and low pressure emulsification of starch/ASA mixtures but fails to disclose the claimed inlet and outlet temperatures for the emulsification. Duplaise et al (US 6210475) discloses the claimed pressures in Examples 4-5 (col 9), but fails to disclose the temperature. Example 15 (col 13) discloses a starch influent temperature for the start of emulsification of 80 °F (reads on inlet temperature) and a temperature rise of 20-30 °F (thus an outlet temperature of 100-110 °F). The disclosed ranges are significantly lower than the claimed range. Mazzarella et al (4040900) teaches generally that

temperatures higher than room temperature are to be avoided when emulsifying ASA due to hydrolysis of the anhydride (col 5, lines 61-65). One of ordinary skill in the art would thus not find it obvious to use the claimed temperatures to emulsify ASA to avoid hydrolysis of the anhydride.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DENNIS CORDRAY whose telephone number is (571)272-8244. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F, 7:30 -4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Daniels can be reached on 571-272-2450. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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